



March 5, 2019

Mr. Russ Kick
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Re: NIGC-FOIA-056

Dear Mr. Kick:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 5 U.S.C. § 552, inquiry to the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) received in the FOIA Office on February 27, 2019. In your email, you stated that you were seeking:

[Y]our agency's FOIA request log covering 2018, which includes a field showing the subject of each request and a field for the final disposition.

Because your inquiry did not include an agreement to pay fees as required by [§517.4\(e\)](#), your inquiry was not a (perfected) FOIA request. For this reason, I emailed you on February 27, 2019 in order to alert you to this deficiency but, as of today, I have not received a response to my email. Nevertheless, in the interests of transparency and open government, and despite this deficiency, your inquiry is being processed as a perfected FOIA request.

Search Results

The NIGC FOIA Office has completed a search of its relevant recordkeeping systems and has located one document, totaling 4 pages, that is responsive to your request. This document (attached) is being released to you in full.

Fees

For fee assessment purposes you were designated as a “news gathering” requester and are required to pay duplication fees incurred in response to your request. Because these fees were negligible, they are being waived.

Request Completed

As this completes the processing of your request, the NIGC now considers your request closed. Pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 517.8, you may challenge the NIGC FOIA Office’s determination by submitting a written appeal to the National Indian Gaming Commission, 1849 C Street N.W., Mail Stop #1621, Washington, D.C., 20240 no later than ninety (90) days after the date of this letter. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(A)(i)(III)(aa). Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.” The written submission should include copies of the original request, the denial, and a brief statement of the reasons you believe the denial to have been in error.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 632-7054.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Osumi". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Tim Osumi
Chief FOIA Officer